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SHUNTARO ARATANI, et al.) : Examiner: B. Yenke
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
AND
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF EXTENSION FEES DUE TO PTO DELAYS**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004 for three months from July 26, 2004 to October 26, 2004.

While Applicants are submitting herewith a check for \$980.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, it is respectfully requested that the Patent

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Office waive the extension fee and refund the foregoing amount due to significant Patent Office processing delays as set forth below.

In this regard, Applicants filed a Request For New Office Action on May 18, 2004 requesting that the Examiner issue a new Office Action due to errors contained therein and requesting that the period for reply be reset. A copy of a postcard receipt bearing a Patent Office mailroom stamp dated May 18, 2004 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Subsequent to filing the foregoing Request and as of the present date, Applicants have not received a response to the foregoing Request. Applicants' undersigned representative has reviewed the Patent Office's PAIR system to determine whether the Request had been entered and processed, but learned that the PAIR system did not include an indication that the Request has been entered. As of today's date, the Request still has not been entered into the Patent Office's PAIR system. A printout of the PAIR contents as of today's date is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

On several occasions, and at least as early as July 26, 2004, Applicants' undersigned representative contacted Examiner Brian Yenke to determine the status of the Request. Examiner Yenke informed Applicants' representative that the papers had apparently been matched with the file and were being processed for IFW. However, Examiner Yenke was unable to determine why the Request had not been entered into PAIR, or why there was such a significant delay in processing the Request. Examiner Yenke indicated that he would request that the file be forwarded to him so he could review the request and provide Applicants with a status. Apparently, Examiner Yenke never received the application file and to date, Applicants have not received a status of their Request.

As a result of a nearly 5 1/2 month delay in Patent Office processing, Applicants have been forced to file the present Petition For Extension Of Time and to unjustly pay extension fees. As such, Applicants request that the Patent Office waive the extension fees and that a refund of the \$980.00 being submitted concurrently herewith be applied to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. It is not believed that any fees are due for the Petition to waive fees, but in the event any such fees are deemed necessary, they should be charged to the foregoing deposit account.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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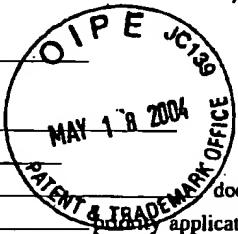
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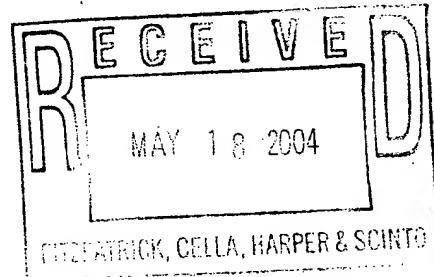
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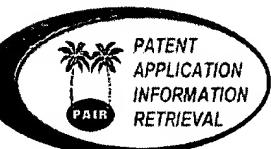
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08-04-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
01-24-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-09-2001	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)
11-14-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
10-04-2001	Application Dispatched from OIPE
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07-05-2001	Correspondence Address Change
05-16-2001	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review
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